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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - BORDER ATTACK
ON ZAIRE

1. PARA 2-5 CONTAIN PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR
MARCH 30 DEPT BRIEFING FOR USE ONLY IF ASKED:

2. Q: WHAT ABOUT PRESS REPORTS THAT INVADING FORCES
HAVE CAPTURED A C-130?

A: WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE INVADING FORCES
HAVE CAPTURED A C-130.
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3. Q: HOW ARE THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE COMMUNICATING
THEIR CONCERN TO THE AMERICANS IN SHABA?

BACKGROUND ANSWER: THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE USE
INFORMAL CHANNELS, MAINLY MISSIONARY GROUPS AND RADIO
NETS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE US CITIZENS, MAINLY

MISSIONARIES IN THE SHABA REGION.

4. IF ASKED ONLY:

Q: IS THE US GOING TO USE FMS CREDITS TO FINANCE ZAIRE'S
MILITARY PETROLEUM SUPPLIES?

A: AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, ZAIRIAN REQUESTS ARE UNDER
STUDY, AND WE WILL CONSULT FULLY WITH CONGRESS BEFORE
ANY DECISIONS ARE MADE.

5. Q: WHAT KIND OF CONTINUED MILITARY ASSISTANCE
RELATIONSHIP DO WE FORESEE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE?

A: AS YOU KNOW, TWO EXPEDITED SHIPMENTS OF VARIOUS
MATERIEL HAVE BEEN FINANCED BY FMS CREDITIS ORIGINALLY
DESIGNED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. THE PRIMARY PROJECT
PLANNED FOR THE FY-77 \$28 MILLION IN FMS CREDITS WAS
THE EQUIPPING OF A MOBILE UNIT, PRIMARILY ARMORED CARS,
TO BE LOCATED IN THE SHABA REGION TO COUNTER A POSSIBLE
THREAT OF JUST THE TYPE WHICH HAS ALREADY MATERIALIZED.
DOUBTLESSLY THERE WILL BE SOME REASSESSMENT TO
DETERMINE HOW BEST TO USE THESE MONIES.
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